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Interviewer: [REDACTED]

Note taker: [REDACTED]

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July Incident

- Text from Innes, anchor line may have broke, can you take a look?
- Checked phone for tug phone numbers.
- Called [REDACTED], asked [REDACTED] to head out to site with him.
- Went to Hope Island, took picture of contacts list, sent to [REDACTED]
- Met [REDACTED], took boat to Cypress Island.
- Current was pushing pen sideways.
- Couple anchor lines broken.
- Millennium Star tug was on the way (~20-30 minutes out).
- Made giant bridles, attach to Millennium Star.
- Explained to Millennium Star, crew was skeptical about pushing, but could pull (600 hp at idle).
- Went to channel 68 on radio, constant communication all night, holding farm.
- Tide slowed down over night, got back in place, still hooked with Millennium Star.
- Prepping for morning.
- Told Cypress Island 2 manager—need everyone, divers, workboat, chain, line—from hatchery.
- Got anchor lines reattached (all but 1 or 2).
- Lines didn't snap. Pad-eyes snapped (bad weld?).
- Replace pad-eyes. Some bolts had to be removed.
- Set a new anchor? At corner?
- Still tug and 2(?) boats—1 Cooke boat, Quilceda (sp?)—contract tug, [REDACTED]—contract 3-screw tug, [REDACTED]
- In the morning, boss arrived—[REDACTED]. Thought it looked good.
- Drug anchor reattached.
- Tide starts running, buoys submerge, walkways buckling once anchor lines broke and/or pad-eyes snapped.
- Pulling and pushing with boats to hold it.
- Drifting toward Site 1.
- Either popped anchor lines or broke pad-eyes.
- Walkways getting crazy.
- Got machinery off site, pics of equipment, document fuel.
- Like a fish→can't reel it in right now, have to let it drift for a couple hours.
- Back into position near dark (7/25?).
- Working with boss.
- Coiling anchor lines to get out of way w/tugs. Millennium Star got line in prop. New bridle on bow.
- Waiting for more anchors from Olympia.
- Needed two tugs overnight.
- Next day, getting stuff anchored.

- Possible plans—spin it? Couldn't cut more anchor lines.
- Setting and dropping anchors
- Changing out pad-eyes
- Canada suggestion? "Exoskeleton grid"
 - 1" chain—anchor point to anchor point
 - Shackles on anchor lines
 - Chain lashed on walkways
- [REDACTED] fell and cut himself, went to hospital, left Thursday.
- Question: Site reconnected to all original anchors?
 - Answer: I think so.
- They brought people in to weld and reinforce. Removed all feed.
- Older sites have smaller pad eyes.

Anchor system: →2"-2 ½" chain→300'-400' 2 5/8" road line → pad eye

→Buoy

- Everyone thought it would hold
- Brand new site in the yard
- Newer pad eyes are bigger—replaced any that looked worn
- Tightened up uniformly w/new anchors
- Tensioning anchors—use crane, set RPMs, pick up at thimble, stall crane, get pretty even tension that way.
- Divers checked for mortality and breaches in cages.